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Mr. William Johnston
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Dear Mr. Johnston:

Re: Trash Dumping at Dunn Mine Site, S/037/017, San Juan County, Utah

I recently visited the Dunn mine in San Juan County to follow up on complaints of trash and debris left at the site. I found a large plastic garbage bag full of trash with several letters and envelopes inside with your name on them (please see attached).

I've contacted the operator about the trash problems at the Dunn. I was informed that your company, Moab Construction, removed two structures from the Dunn last summer. Apparently in the process of removing the buildings, a great deal of trash was generated (insulation, metal, wood, etc.), which remains onsite.

In my conversation with the operator, it was apparent that he was unaware of the current condition of the site, resulting from the salvage of the two mine buildings.

I am notifying you of the mess left at the Dunn because it is apparent that you have some responsibility in cleaning up a portion of it. It is illegal to dump trash on public ground, as it is to dump trash in an area which is not a licensed landfill. Rule R315-301-2 of Utah's State regulations address this type of activity, as does 43 CFR 8365 of the Federal rules. Cleanup of the debris you generated at this site would be advisable. I am notifying the agencies responsible for enforcement of the regulations cited via copy of this letter. I will be in the area again next month to re-evaluate the conditions on the site.

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You may contact me directly if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. Shepherd", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Holland Shepherd
Senior Reclamation Specialist

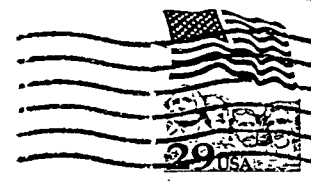
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Attachment

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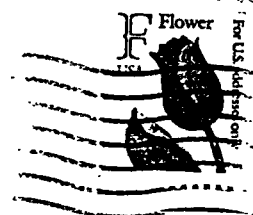
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